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### "Like a science fiction horror story"

# Swine Flu Potential Killer

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Scientists have identified a potentially dangerous strain of flu virus similar to the 1918-1919 flu which swept the world causing a phenomenal and staggering number of deaths. It is a particularly potent strain and has the capability to sweep the country this Fall.

The virus was first discovered in February of this year when a young U.S. Army recruit at Ford Dix, New Jersey died within 48 hours of reporting to sick call. Analysis of a throat swab revealed none of the three commonly recurring human viruses.

Further study revealed that the virus resembled a type ordinarily found only in swine, and that other recruits around him were infected by the swine-type virus.

According to reports, blood samples of persons who survived the great worldwide flu catastrophe of 1918-19 showed that the virus found in the stricken Fort Dix recruit also resembled the virus responsible for the earlier epidemic which claimed 20 million lives, a half million of them in the United States.

The flu season is normally from December through April as flu viruses go into a state of dormancy during summer months. According to Lee Loomis, health educator at Warm Springs, that is why people do not get the flu in summer.

Though the virus is now dormant, it is being harbored somewhere and will crop up this Fall. For the first time in history, a virus has been identified as potentially dangerous very early in the year.

Acting upon advice from the scientific community, President Ford asked Congress for a special \$135 million appropriation so pharmaceutical houses could begin production of a vaccine. The vaccine is now being produced and tested.

According to Loomis, a phenomenally large amount of vaccine is being produced. There has never been an amount as large as this produced before and the vaccine is being distributed nationwide at no cost. There will be no charge for the vaccine for individuals.

This type of flu has not been seen for 60 years, so few people have any immunity from it. This virus has the potential of being another very serious 1918-1919 type epidemic. "The risk appears very great," said Loomis.

"The thing that's dangerous is not so much the flu itself," said Loomis, "but the complications that accompany it." Some of these complications include viral pneumonia, respiratory distress, and metabolic disturbances.

High risk groups include those with chronic illnesses,

heart disease, TB, emphysema, diabetes, respiratory ailments, and the elderly. "I don't fit any of those groups," said Loomis, "but I'm sure going to get a vaccination!"

The vaccine should be coming out sometime in September. Private physicians, public health departments, clinics, and hospitals are all participating in the program. The program is one of great scope and magnitude.

The health service at Warm Springs has ordered approximately 2000 doses, enough

to inoculate everyone in the community. Normally immunizations begin in October and end about the third week in November. "This is because it takes about two to five weeks after vaccination for a person to build up the antibodies", said Loomis.

"If we don't immunize", said Loomis, "the risks are scary. We could lose 5 per cent of the United States population if nothing were done. It could be a full-scale epidemic," he said. "It's sort of like a science fiction horror story - we won't know how bad it is until it's over."

## Spilyay Visits 4-H Camp

Our friend Spilyay trotted up to the Crystal Springs 4-H Camp in the Ochocos and arrived just in time to find that he was the subject of one of the wildlife classes.

With embarrassment he listened to Vern Maw, the new Predator Control Agent for the Prineville Extension Office, tell the campers about the dangers of the coyote and the need for "control." At that point Spilyay decided to change himself into two reporters so he could prowl about the camp at no risk.

What he saw was 85 kids aged 9-12 having great fun and learning about their environment in the week-long camp sponsored by the O.S. U. Extension Service's 4-H Program. Nine kids from Warm Springs attended: Allie Smith, Jamie Smith, Lois Squiemphen, Irma Wahnetah, Nadine Meanus, Missy Stills, Butch Miller, Vernon Tias and Stephen Smith. Sue Gangler, the Warm Springs Extension Agent acted as supervisor and adviser as well as a plants teacher.

The purposes of the camp were twofold, according to Ms. Gangler. One was to provide a fun and educational experience for kids in a natural environment. The other was leadership development for the fifteen teenage counselors.

A typical day at Crystal Springs began after breakfast with three-hour Environmental Education classes. Counselors were trained to teach these classes, which covered soil, water, plants and wildlife. One energetic camper named Roy, age 10, said he really liked the classes: "We learned how to catch crawdads!" (That was just a side benefit of an otherwise more sophisticated water class.) Guest speaker Vern Maw came in for three days

and gave lectures like the one on coyotes.

After lunch there was a Flat-on-Back period for resting and planning with the counselors. The afternoon was taken up with free activities. Kids might elect to join in softball, tetherball, arts and crafts, square dancing, or archery. And the most popular activity seemed to be the tug o' war which had as its booby prize - a thorough dousing with a water hose.

After dinner there might be a hike or an evening program such as Magic Campfire, skits or initiation ceremonies. The Hobo Wedding was apparently a great deal of fun and the son of the Pioneer's former Warm Springs correspondent, Evadna Bartlett, was reportedly a charming bride.

Spilyay joined the campers for lunch and was once again embarrassed. While imitating a student trainee-reporter, he was initiated into the "Order

of the Fork" which included an attack from the rear by a half dozen counselors armed with forks. Spilyay left the mess hall with his tail between his legs!

In talking with campers, Spilyay learned that kids and counselors were enjoying themselves tremendously. But adults seemed to be a bit weary by the fourth day. Spilyay numbered himself among the latter as he loped on back to Warm Springs.

## "Buy Hay Now"

Early purchase of hay is important this year because of higher prices and possible shortage of hay. California livestockmen are buying Oregon hay because of drought and frost damage in their state. This has caused higher prices and will probably cause a shortage of hay this fall and winter. So it's important to buy early.

Hay price for first cutting alfalfa is between 65-76 dollars a ton. Grass hay is bringing 40-60 dollars a ton and grass straw will probably sell for 35-40 dollars a ton.

Don't wait buy now. Call the Extension Office 46 if you need names and phone numbers of hay sellers.



ALLIE SMITH and her tent-mate stand proudly before the "White House" at the Crystal

Springs 4-H Camp. Their tent won the cleanliness award twice in a row.

Photo by Cynthia D. Stowell